

## MEMORIAL NOTE ON DR. PATRICK B. KENNEDY

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In the passing of Dr. P. B. Kennedy we have suffered the loss of a keen botanist and a genial companion and friend. His services as president of the California Botanical Society from 1915 to 1918 are gratefully remembered. Dr. Kennedy's interests lay primarily in the field of botany but his application of botany to the service of agriculture makes it well nigh impossible to fill his place in agronomy. His keenest interest was the investigation of forage crops, especially the grasses and clovers. A new and extremely valuable work on native California clovers was left in almost completed manuscript form.

When trials and irritations of the kind which follow us through life threatened to worry him, he would find solace and constructive interest in working with his grasses. The historic relations which exist between the progress of humanity and the economic resources of the family Gramineae appeared to catch his unflagging imagination and interest and gave a depth to his vision which carried him through many trials.

With all his work and heavy burdens he maintained a cheerful and happy personality. He worked hard and he played hard. No longer will his hearty companionate laugh cheer us over our dark days. We shall greatly miss him.

## THE ANNUAL DINNER FOR 1930

The annual dinner of the California Botanical Society was held at the University of California, Berkeley, on Mar. 15, 1930. In the afternoon at 2:30 in Room 212 Wheeler Hall, a scientific program was presented as a symposium on "The Phylogeny of Flowering Plants", and the speakers, representing several aspects of Systematic Botany, discussed contributions to phylogenetic matters from their particular fields. Prof. George J. Peirce, President of the Society and Professor of Botany, Stanford University, was chairman of the meeting. Mr. H. L. Mason, Department of Botany, University of California, told of evidences of descent from studies in Paleobotany, using as examples the researches in the fossil record of western North America. An outline of contributions to our understanding of plant relationship from the fields of Genetics and Ecology, and an account of his work in Experimental Taxonomy were given by Dr. H. M. Hall, Division of Plant Biology, Carnegie Institution of Washington. Dr. D. H. Campbell, Professor-emeritus of Botany, Stanford University, discussed the origin and distribution of flowering plants. The present distribution of specialized groups of plants in the southern hemi-